(*b*) if so, what is the rate ?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*)&(*b*) The question of toll charges on vehicles using the Port roads and bridges is under the consideration of the Governments concerned, and pending their orders on it, a toll of 8 annas per car is being levied by the Harbour Authorities on motor cars which come to the Island on business.

THE MALABAR CORPORATION LTD.—AUCTIONS HELD—INFORMATIONS REGARDING

476. Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the number of auctions held by the Malabar Corporation, Ltd., on behalf of the Government;

(*b*) the amount realised at each auction ; and

(*c*) the expenses incurred for each auction and the amount of commission paid ?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) 211.

(*b*) and (*c*) A statement containing the required information is appended. *(Appendix II)*

POPULATION—MATTANCHERI, WILLINGDON ISLAND, ETC.

477. Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Will the Government be pleased to inform.—

(*a*) the number of inhabitants in Mattancheri constituency;

(*b*) the number of inhabitants in Willingdon Island;

(*c*) the number of inhabitants in the Venduruthy Island?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) 86,815 according to the Census of 1931.

(*b*) Can be ascertained only at a Census.

(*c*) No figures available for Venduruthy alone.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Sir, I put this question to point out that for 86,815 people we get only 1,99,000 gallons of water whereas in Ernakulam for about 30,000 people 5 lakhs of gallons of water are supplied.

Mr. President: That is not a supplementary question to this question. You can ask that question when the next question is answered.

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Answer the next question. Mr. Salem may satisfy his thirst.

SUPPLY OF WATER—MATTANCHERI—INADEQUACY OF

478. Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan *(Commerce and Industry):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether the Government have received complaints or official information regarding the inadequate supply of water through taps at Mattancheri both residential and at road side;

(*b*) if so, whether the Government propose to take necessary and immediate steps to remedy the defect whatever it is and ensure a sufficient supply of water to the public during waking hours, that is to say between 5 a.m. and 9 p.m without break?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):*

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The matter is engaging the urgent attention of the Government.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* 2 lakhs of gallons of water are supplied to Mattancheri which has got a population of 86815, while about 5 lakhs are given to Ernakulam which has got only about a third of the population of Mattancheri.

Mr. President: The total water that we draw is 10 lakhs per day altogether. Of this only 5 lakhs is given to Ernakulam, 2 lakhs to Mattancheri and 3 lakhs of water to the Island.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* I wish to know what is the income that we get for the supply to the Island.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* For the water supplied to the Harbour, the Harbour authorities pay us at the rate of Rs. 1—4—0 per thousand gallons of water supplied.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* How many gallons are they to get every day?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* On an average we supply about 50—60 thousand gallons per day.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Are they not drawing more than this 56 thousand?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* Yes, on some days they draw more.

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